

**1999 SENATE JUDICIARY**

**SB 2050**

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2050

Senate Judiciary Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 6, 1999

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jackie Follman</i>			

Minutes:

SB2050 relates to local gaming enforcement grants.

SENATOR STENEHJEM opened the hearing on SB2050 at 10:00 A.M.

All were present.

PAUL KRAMER, Legislative Council, testified to explain SB2050. This bill changes the way the Attorney General's office calculates how to distribute local gaming enforcement grants. This calculation will be on the prior quarter. This bill is not in agreement with the way the budget was submitted. The Governor's budget recommendation for the Attorney General changed the local gaming enforcement grants now to a competitive basis. Under the Governor's recommendation the local enforcement grants will be based on a competitive grant. If that is adopted, this bill will not be needed.

SENATOR STENEHJEM asked if that was in the bill.

PAUL KRAMER stated that it was SB2003.

SENATOR STENEHJEM asked whose budget this was in.

PAUL KRAMER stated it was the Attorney General Office budget.

ROSELLEN SAND, Attorney General's Office, testified in support of SB2050. Testimony attached.

CHUCK KELLER, Chief Auditor of the Gaming Division of the Attorney General, testified to explain the history of local gaming enforcement program.

SENATOR STENEHJEM asked if local cities and counties knew about SB2050.

ROSELLEN SAND stated that they are aware of this bill.

DAVE KRABBENHOFF, Office of Management and Budget, testified to explain the competitive basis grant.

SENATOR STENEHJEM stated his concern is that if SB2003 is passed we do not need this bill, is that correct?

DAVE KRABBENHOFF stated that was correct.

SENATOR STENEHJEM CLOSED the hearing on SB2050.

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CHUCK KELLER explained that there would be no need for SB2050. The recommendation is to do not pass on SB2050 because this bill will be moot.

SENATOR LYSON made a motion for DO NOT PASS, SENATOR NELSON seconded.

Motion carried. 6 - 0 - 0

SENATOR LYSON will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2050

Amendment to: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by Legislative Council

Date of Request: 12/10/98

- Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

This bill would use the previous quarter's, rather than a current quarter's, adjusted gross proceeds data for computing the current quarter's local gaming enforcement grants to counties and cities. The bill does not affect the total amount of local gaming enforcement grants issued each quarter.

- State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-1999 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium	
	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds
Revenues:	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Expenditures:	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

- What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

a. For rest of 1997-1999 biennium: None

b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: None

c. For the 2001-2003 biennium: None

- County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-1999 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

Signed Charles Keller

Typed Name Charles Keller

Date Prepared: 12/15/98

Department Office of Attorney General

Phone Number 328-4482

Date: 2-10-99  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2050

Senate Judiciary \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Lyson Seconded By Nelson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wayne Stenehjem	X				
Senator Darlene Watne	X				
Senator Stanley Lyson	X				
Senator John Traynor	X				
Senator Dennis Bercier	X				
Senator Carolynn Nelson	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Lyson

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 11, 1999 7:10 a.m.

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2050: Judiciary Committee (Sen. W. Stenehjem, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2050 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

SB 2050

TESTIMONY OF THE  
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
BEFORE THE  
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
January 6, 1999

I am appearing today in support of Senate Bill 2050. This bill will change the procedure for making gaming enforcement grants to political subdivisions. Payments are based upon the tax filings received in our office. Once all the tax returns have been filed for a quarter we can calculate the amount due to each political subdivision.

This bill will allow us to calculate the grant amounts based on the tax filings for the previously filed quarter. This will allow us to avoid the problems that have arisen in the past because the end of the biennium coincided with the last quarter for which tax returns had been filed and could not be made in time to be applied to the proper biennium. More importantly this will allow us to get money to counties and cities more quickly. For example we would base the calculation for the payment for the final quarter of the biennium (April through June, 1999) on the taxes paid for the sixth quarter of the biennium (October through December, 1998).

I note that we will be tracking the progress of this bill in conjunction with the appropriation bill for our office. As presented in the Governor's budget, the appropriation for gaming grants was substantially reduced. We will be seeking restoration of those grant funds to prior biennium amounts. If that is not accomplished, it is our hope that the Legislature will authorize a grant application process to distribute the money to political subdivisions.